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in East Berlin that experiments made by VEB Grosskokerei Lauchhammer to produce high-temperature brown-coal coke suitable for metallurgical purposes have definitely failed. The coke will probably be used for industrial heating purposes. The gas obtained in the process is used for the production of power. During recent months, gas has had to be blown off every day because tanks required for the storage of gas could not be delivered. 25X1

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comment. The ~~high-temperature brown-coal coke developed as~~
follows:

1952: 20,900 tons

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1953: 233,500 tons

1954: 424,200 tons

In 1955, the output of this coke is scheduled to be increased to 450,000 tons.

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